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Applicant(s): Hu <i>et al.</i>	Prior Group Art Unit: 1652
Application No.: To be assigned Parent Application Serial Number 09/841,683	Prior Application Examiner: M. Monshipouri
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Title: Novel Human Kinase Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed in conjunction with the concurrently filed Continuation Patent Application Request. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments prior to examination on the merits. The present amendments are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed, and do not in any way constitute new matter.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

AMENDMENT

In the specification:

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 1, beginning with "The present application claims the benefit of....", and replace it with the following paragraph: --The present application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/841,683, filed April 24, 2001, which claims the benefit

of U.S. Provisional Application Numbers 60/199,499 and 60/201,227 which were filed on April 25, 2000 and May 1, 2000, respectively, each of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.--

Respectfully submitted,

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